1	2	3	4	5	6
65.	201	Widening with strengthening from km 152/0-160/0	8.00	996.58	12/2009
66.	23	Rehabilitation of embankment at Champajharan km 265.010 to 265.223	1	187.91	6/2008
B.	*National Highway 4 laning works with National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)*				
67.	5	Balasore-Bhadrak (OR-I1I) from km. 136.5-km. 199.141	62.64	22725.00	4/2010
68.	5	Bridges Section (OR-V) from km. 199.141-km. 61.00 Balasore-Chandikhole	11.59	15500.00	4/2008
69.	5	Bhubaneshwar-Khurda (OR-I) from km. 387.7-km. 418.00	26.30	14085.00	12/2009
70.	5	Sunakhala-Oanjam (OR-VII) from km. 338.00-km. 284.00 (2 Lane)	55.71	22500.00	3/2010
71.	5	Ganjam-Icchapuram (OR-VIII) (Balance work) from km. 284.00-km. 233.00	50.80	26327.00	! 1/2008
72.	5A	Paradip Port from km. 0.0-km. 77.0 road connectivity to major ports phase 11	77.00	42800.00	5/2008

Development of minor ports

2758. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:
DR. K. MALAISAMY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move or policy to develop minor ports in India into major ports, if necessary, with foreign tie up;

(b) whether in that process, ports like Colachal, Cuddalore/Pondicherry in South India are considered to be having tremendous potential to become major ports or expansion;

(c) whether these ports would receive consideration on priority particularly when Colachal is considered to be a gateway for Sourth;

(d) whether in this connection Valinokkam, Tamil Nadu could become an excellent centre for South Asia for ship breaking industry providing employment for thousands of men; and

(e) whether there would be a dynamic policy to look up in this right direction?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e) Non-Major Ports are under the overall jurisdiction of the respective State Government. A request has been received from Government of Tamil Nadu for development of Colachal Port as a Major Port. M/s Sethusamudram Corporation has been directed to conduct Techno-Economic Feasibility Studies, prepare a Detailed Project Report as well as Environmental Impact Assessment Studies for this purpose, which would *inter alia* look into all relevant aspects.

Upgradation of coastal highways

2759. SHRI KANJIBHAIPATEL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all sections of the Gujarat coastal highways have not been upgraded to National Highway; and

(b) if so, the time envisaged for this upgradation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) The length of Castal Highway in Gujarat is 1729.02 Km. out of which 627.6 Km. is National Highway. The declaration of any road as a National Highway depends not only on the consideration that it runs along the coast but on several other considerations including traffic needs, *inter-se* priority on all India basis and availability of resources. At present emphasis is being given for development of roads already declared as National Highways.

NH-I8 and NH-202 in Andhra Pradesh

2760. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation made and spent on development and improvement of existing National Highway-18 and National Highway-202 in Andhra Pradesh during the current financial year 2007-08;

(b) the present status of these National Highways in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether Government proposes to sanction sufficient amount for improvement and development of the above NHs; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The allocation for the development of National Highways (NHs) is made as a whole for the State and not NH-wise. During 2007-08, an amount of Rs. 76.00 crore was allocated for the development of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh including NH-18 and 202. The entire allocation mentioned above has been utilized.

(b) NH-18 having a length of 360 km in Andhra Pradesh is presently having two-lane carriageway. Four-laning in about 6 km length within Kadapa town is in progress and another 193 km length from Kadapa to Kurnool has been identified for four-laning under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase-Ill. As regards NH-202 having a length of 306 km in Andhra Pradesh, stretch from km 0/0 to 30/0 (km 0/0 at Hyderabad) is four-lane, 192 km is two-lane and the remaining length is single lane/missing link. Further, a length of 30 km from km 30.0 to 60/0 (upto Yadgiri) has been identified for four-laning under NHDP Phase-Ill and about 7 km length within Warangal town is proposed for four-laning in Annual Plan 2008-09.

(c) and (d) Development of National Highways is a continuous process and improvement works are taken up based on the *inter se* priorities and overall availability of funds.

Major ports to be overhauled

2761. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the major ports are poised for massive overhaul including capacity